



VOTER

JULY 2017 AT A GLANCE

- Mon, July 17** *Book Group Mtg*
10 am – 12 pm *Beach Home of Jan Gonzales*
- Tues, July 18** *Women's Issues Mtg*
9:30 – 11:30 am *Home of Nancy Hand*
- Thur, July 20** *Oceanside Unit Coffee*
10 am – 12 pm *Home of Diane Stone*

AUGUST 2017 AT A GLANCE

- Wed, Aug 9** *LWVNCSD Board Workshop*
9:30 am – 3 pm *Home of Roni Seay*
- Mon, Aug 21** *Book Group Mtg*
1 – 3 pm *Home of Karen Vanderwerken*
- Thur, Aug 24** *San Dieguito Unit Mtg*
10 am – 12 pm *United Methodist Church*
Encinitas

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Michael Vu
San Diego County Registrar of Voters

September 23, 2017 LWVNCSD Annual Kickoff

By Anne Omsted

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this interesting meeting. We have invited Michael Vu, San Diego County Registrar of Voters, to come and speak to us about all the voting changes coming to California in the next three years.

By 2020, every county will have implemented several significant changes in its voting processes. Because California is trying to get more people to register and vote, it is trying some new ideas that will make registering easier and voting more convenient.

We have also asked Mr. Vu to tell us about voter suppression in other states, and his thoughts on the allegation that there was “massive voter fraud” in the November, 2016 election.

We are planning an afternoon meeting and are looking for the venue. Please check your email, the website and September *Voter* over the summer; we will let you know the exact when and where as soon as possible.



LWVNCSD Officers/Directors/Unit & Committee Chairs 2017-18

New Officers/Directors/Committee Chairs Information:

Officers

President	Anne Omsted
First Vice President & Membership Co-Chair	Roni Seay
Second Vice President & Program Chair	Lorraine Wood
Secretary	Cecilia Jolly
Treasurer	Arlene Meadows

Directors

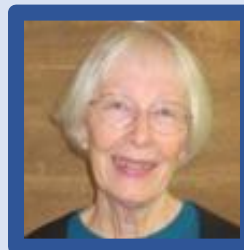
Local Education Outreach	Norelynn Pion-Goureau
Member Communication Membership Co-Chair & Special Projects	Margie Monroy Nancy Telford
Natural Resources	Elizabeth Gabrych
Regional Gov't. Coordinator	Cathy Greene
Observers Corps	Connie Ulrich
Voter Editor	Margaret Liles
Voter Service	Elizabeth Brady
Webmaster	Suzanne Carneiro
Women's Issues	Nancy Hand

Unit Chairs

Carlsbad Unit	Norelynn Pion-Goureau
San Dieguito Unit	Anne Omsted

Committee Chairs

Behavioral Health	Liz Kruidenier
Civic Engagement	Mary Thompson
Education	Claudine Jones
Health Care	Jane Dunmeyer
Hospitality/Arrangements	Judith King
Speakers Bureau	Jackie Stone



President's Message

On June 10th, at the Annual Meeting, besides hearing a fascinating talk by Brooke Binkowski of Snopes.com, new officers were elected to the Board. I welcome Elizabeth Brady, Voter Service, Lorraine Wood, Second Vice President Program, Nancy Hand, Women's Issues. They are all great additions to our stellar Board. I was elected President. I am honored to serve our wonderful organization and will do my best.

We all must give profuse thanks to Martha Cox and Roni Seay for their dedicated service during the past year. It will be a challenge to meet the high goals they have set. Both of them were very generous with their time, energy, and creativity, and our League is better for having both of them step up and take over.

Some people have commented that it is a demanding time to become president of a political organization. That is true. But, our non-partisan philosophy, our refusal to ever support or oppose candidates or political parties, is our great strength. We have gained many new members in the last six months. They often tell us that they want to be active, effective and work on the issues. They do not want to be buried in bi-partisan fighting. They have found the right place!

I am especially delighted to have such a capable and dynamic Board. We are planning some very interesting meetings on a wide variety of topics in the coming year. I hope you will attend. You will be stimulated, learn new things, and have another opportunity to meet up with your fellow League members.

Anne Omsted
President

July/August Meetings

All Members and Guests Are Welcome at All Meetings

Health Care Committee Report

The Health Care Committee will be giving the "Roadmap to Assisted Living" presentation to a Pfizer group on July 6th in La Jolla. Then we will not have another committee meeting until September when we will discuss our next projects and emphases. Any League member is invited to attend just to see what the committee does.

Book Group Meeting

Monday • July 17

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Beach House of Jan Gonzales
& Monday • August 21**

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Home of Karen Vanderwerken

In July the LWVNCSD Book Group will be reading *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Norelynn Pion-Goureau will lead the discussion and we will be meeting at Jan Gonzales's beach house. Please call Kathy Anderson at [760 634 2841](tel:7606342841) for directions.

In August the group will be reading *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett. Ann Heuton will be leading the discussion and we will be meeting at Karen Vanderwerken's home.

Women's Issues Group Meeting

Tuesday • July 18

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Home of Nancy Hand

We're launched! Our new Women's Issues Group (WIG) is up and sailing and we want you on board! The mission of our group is to provide members with a forum to discuss and examine issues that affect women, children, and families. We want to use our increased awareness to inform our League and our communities about these issues and develop ACTION strategies to address them.

Our first undertaking is a BIG one. We're planning a General Meeting on October 21 of LWVNCSD in partnership with a number of area organizations concerned with the alarming prevalence of human trafficking in San Diego County. **SAVE THE DATE** and watch your VOTER for more information.

Oceanside Unit Coffee/Get-together

Thursday • July 20 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Home of Diane Stone

The New Oceanside Unit will have a coffee get-together at the home of Diane Stone on Thursday, July 20 from 10 in the morning to 12 noon. All LWV members living in Oceanside are invited to come and bring their thoughts about Oceanside. We want to become better informed about what and why things are happening in Oceanside but we also want to be ready to voice our opinions to government and other City entities in order to bring about positive change.

The first meeting of the New Oceanside Unit was held at the Mission Branch Library, Oceanside on Monday, June 19 from 10:00 am to noon. Several Oceanside members attended as well as President Anne Omsted and Membership Director Roni Seay. All were determined to encourage others to join us in July.

One "hot topic" was the change from at-large to district elections for city council members. There also was a very lively discussion of a variety of topics including media coverage in Oceanside, better ways to deal with homelessness, Green Oceanside, economic development, land use, parks, and LWV Observers.

There's still so much more to focus on! Come to the get-together on Thursday, July 20!

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

Thursday • August 24 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

United Methodist Church

170 Calle Magdalena • Encinitas

After a truly stimulating and creative meeting in June, the San Dieguito Unit will meet on Thursday, August 24th, at the United Methodist Church on Calle Magdalena in Encinitas from 10 am - 12 pm. We will be refining our action plan to encourage people to register to vote and to become informed voters. Any questions? Call Anne Omsted at [760-753-6970](tel:760-753-6970).

A REPORT FROM THE BOARD

By Anne Omsted

Your Board of Directors met on Friday, 6/16/17, and got a lot of new Board business taken care of in record time:

- Changed the signatories on the bank account to new President and new Secretary, in addition to our Treasurer.
 - Appointed three Directors to the Board – Suzanne Carneiro, Webmaster, Margie Monroy, Member Communication and Connie Ulrich, Observers' Corps.
 - The President appointed an executive committee of President Anne Omsted, Treasurer Arlene Meadows, First VP Roni Seay, Second VP Lorraine Wood, and Director Nancy Hand.
 - Appointed two Board members to the Nominating Committee for 2018: Membership Co-Chairs Roni Seay and Nancy Telford.
 - Heard the Treasurer's Report. We will have a deficit at the end of the year. A fundraising committee will be formed.
 - Discussed the three Directions to the Board given at the 6/10/17 Annual Meeting.
1. The LWV should form a county-wide alliance to seek a vote to give the voters the right to vote on every pay raise that the Board of Supervisors give to themselves. The Board discussed that under current law the Board of Supervisors is allowed to peg their salary to that of the judges in the Superior Court system. Until recently, the Board of Supervisors received 85% of the judges' salary. In January, 2017, the Board of Supervisors, in a 4-1 vote, awarded themselves an increase to 90% effective December, 2017. The LWVNCSD Board agreed that in order for the League to pursue a county-wide vote on this matter, it would first be necessary to have the membership decide to do a study of county-government pay to elected officials, because the League has no current position that addresses pay to elected officials. This matter would need to be addressed at our Program Planning in January/February. At that time, the members would have to decide if they wanted to do such a study.
 2. Re-introduce a Social Policy Director to the Board. At the moment the Board has Directors and Committee Chairs that address education, women's issues, and Behavioral Health. The Board would be pleased to add more Directors to the Board to work on Homelessness, Housing, Immigration Juvenile Justice, Reproductive Choices, Urban Policy, Gun Safety, the Death Penalty, and many more. The Board agrees that using the term "Social Policy" is such an

uninformative title, and the issues covered are so broad, that it seems more reasonable to focus on areas where there is a lot of interest, energy, and hope of achieving some positive results.

3. Track and take action as needed related to District Election discussions in Carlsbad, Vista, and Oceanside. The Board also discussed this item. It is moving quickly in all three cities, and the Board will definitely track and respond as possible.
- Agreed to take action related to NCTD's recent route changes, service cuts in certain areas, and fare increases. A letter will be sent to the Board and delivered at a Board meeting by the LWV President, a letter will be sent to various media to inform the public of the situation, and the Board will explore encouraging the NCTD Board to explore alternate sources of new funding to help with fund needed capital projects. The Board will also look into state legislation related to the current status of NCTD and MTD.
 - Added two General Meetings to the calendar for the LWVNCSD – 9/23 for our Kick-off, and 10/21 for a discussion of Human Trafficking.
 - It is also interested in working with the LWVC and other local Leagues on the Make it Fair campaign to revise Prop 13 so that commercial properties are not protected from paying appropriate taxes. There would be no change to residential property aspects of Prop 13.

Welcome new members

Jacqueline Arsivaud
Carol Parker
Nancy Scott
Lois Simon
Sarah Wolfe

A Recap of the LWVC Convention



From left to right: Nancy Telford, Connie Ulrich, Martha Cox, Anne Omsted, Roni Seay, Karen Vanderwerken, Arlene Meadows, and Suzanne Carneiro

Eight members of our League attended the June, 2017 League of Women Voters of California Convention in Sacramento.

On Thursday, June 1, “Lobby Day” Anne Omsted and other members met with the staff of State Senator Pat Bates and Assemblyman Rocky Chavez and discussed legislation concerning library funding, new voting machines, cap and trade, and the California Values Act. That evening they attended the *Voter’s Edge* Dinner where Secretary of State Alex Padilla spoke about the future changes in voting expected in California, including the possibility of all registered voters receiving mail ballots and being able to vote by mail in the 30 days before Election Day.

The convention began on Friday. In the plenary sessions members heard interesting facts from two speakers, such as: 86% of the contacts to Congress are made by women, there are more gun dealers in California than McDonald’s, and how proposed federal budget cuts would impact California. That evening, during the banquet, members heard an inspiring talk by the Mayor of Stockton, 26 year-old Michael Tubbs, about his passion to serve his city’s residents.

On Sunday, members adopted the budget, bylaw revisions, proposed Program, and elected the new LWVC Board members, including Karen Vanderwerken, who is one of our members.

The LWNCS D delegation made sure that at least one member attended each workshop on Friday and Saturday afternoons. There were many workshops dealing with issues from climate change, fake news, engaging new members, using Voter’s Edge, fundraising, and how to get to the point when writing.

You can read a complete report from our delegation on our website:

http://www.lwvncsd.org/files/LWVC_Convention_2017_RecapRev.pdf

San Dieguito Riverpark

For fun & educational activities this summer *get outside* and visit our great regional Riverpark that runs from the ocean in Del Mar, thru the historic Sikes Adobe farmstead in Escondido, to the scenic mountains near Julian.

Take the opportunity to hike, bike, ride, stretch, learn, explore, volunteer or watch (birds and fireworks!)

- **Check out the website & events calendar at: www.sdrp.org**
- **Sign-up for the monthly email newsletter “Riverscape”**



Point of Order Bylaws changes

By *Connie Ulrich*

A Conforming Amendment to the LWVNCSD Bylaws

Did you know that league policy requires that there must be consistency in the language of the first three articles of the National, State and Local League bylaws? It does. Consequently, when the LWVUS Membership language was amended to change the age limit for joining the LWV from 18 to 16 years of age, the membership language in our bylaws needed to conform to that amendment. Usually an amendment to the bylaws must be approved by the membership at an annual meeting. However, a conforming amendment is approved by the league board, not the membership.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP, Section 2

Voting Members now states: Voting Members – Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

Associate Members - All others who join the League shall be associate members. The new language and the amendment date can be found in the current LWVNCSD Bylaws which are posted on our members' only website.

A little Tech

By *Suzanne Carneiro*

There's a terrific new podcast that was just launched by two enthusiastic League members. You might ask me, "Podcast, what's a podcast?" Well, it's a radio show you can listen to when it's convenient for you. This one is called, "*What would Alice Paul do?*". You can find it on the podcast app for your tablet or listen through their website,

<https://www.alicepaulpodcast.com/podcast/>.

Their latest episode, **Engaging New Volunteers**, is my favorite so far. If you haven't thought about how we can engage the next generation to get involved and carry on the legacy of our foremothers, this will inspire you. Take a half hour out of your busy schedule and dive in. Just click on the link above and it will take you to the website where you can listen to Episode 4 and see the three previous episodes available. Enjoy, and let me know what you think.



Stay Connected and Share

Check the Calendar on the website for helpful Info

www.lwvncsd.org

If you are on Facebook you may want to expand your world to Facebook groups. Two of the LWV groups are New Media and Communications. These groups are closed which means you have to be invited, but any League member is welcome. There's some great conversation going on with members all over the country giving each other support in this new world of social media. Email me if you would like to join.

Thanks

Suzanne

LWV North County San Diego Membership Application ~ Share this with a friend! ~

Membership is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of age. Others are welcome as Associate Members.

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Address _____

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or join online at:

http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html

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Dues:

- \$30 **FIRST** year
- \$60/year
- \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited

Institution.

Additional levels of giving (thank you!):

- \$100/year • Suffragist
- \$200/year • Activist
- \$300/year • Advocate
- \$500/year • Founders Circle

I am interested in the following:

- Voter Service
- Public Policy and Action



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We do, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.